

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
March 11, 1918. Last twenty-
four hours: Baited 45° Temp.
Min. 67° Mar. 11. Weather
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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS
Quota Dollars
96° Centrifugal N. Y. per lb. 6.00
Price, Hawaiian basis. 6.005 \$120.10
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PRESIDENT WIRES MESSAGE TO RUSSIAN SOVIETS Deepest Sympathy of American People Is Extended

ADVANTAGES ON WESTERN FRONT AND IN ITALY ARE WITH ALLIES

British Activities South of St. Quentin Are First Reported in Successful Raid and Repulse of Enemy Attack

AMERICANS AND FRENCH
SHOW BRILLIANT FORM

Efforts of Austro-Germans To Cross Piave Are Thwarted and Italian Air Squadron Does Valuable Work

WASHINGTON, March 12—(Associated Press)—Successful raids by British, French and American forces on Sunday and Monday and repulses of the Austro-Germans in their efforts to cross the Piave River were told in the war despatches of yesterday and last night. These include an official despatch from London which tells for the first time of British activity on the line south of St. Quentin although it had been previously reported there were heavy British forces there.

Southerly from St. Quentin yesterday the British successfully raided a section of German trenches and inflicted a heavy loss in killed, wounded and prisoners besides capturing a number of machine guns.

Northwest of LaBasse an enemy party sought to approach the British lines and was driven back by a concentrated artillery and rifle fire which caused them to flee in disorder.

Americans in Aid
American troops in cooperation with the French carried out a brilliant offensive movement Sunday in a series of three raids opposite an American sector in Lorraine.

Dashing forward under cover of an intense barrage fire from American guns the Americans swept the Germans out of their first line trenches and penetrated sixty yards into the second line. In the German trenches were found concrete dugouts which were dynamited. Much material and many papers were seized.

The Americans remained in the German lines forty five minutes before retiring to their own positions. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans by the American gas shells.

The American casualty list as made public yesterday reveals the death of nineteen men killed in action in France and twenty-five wounded, four of whom subsequently died. Eight deaths from disease were also reported by General Pershing.

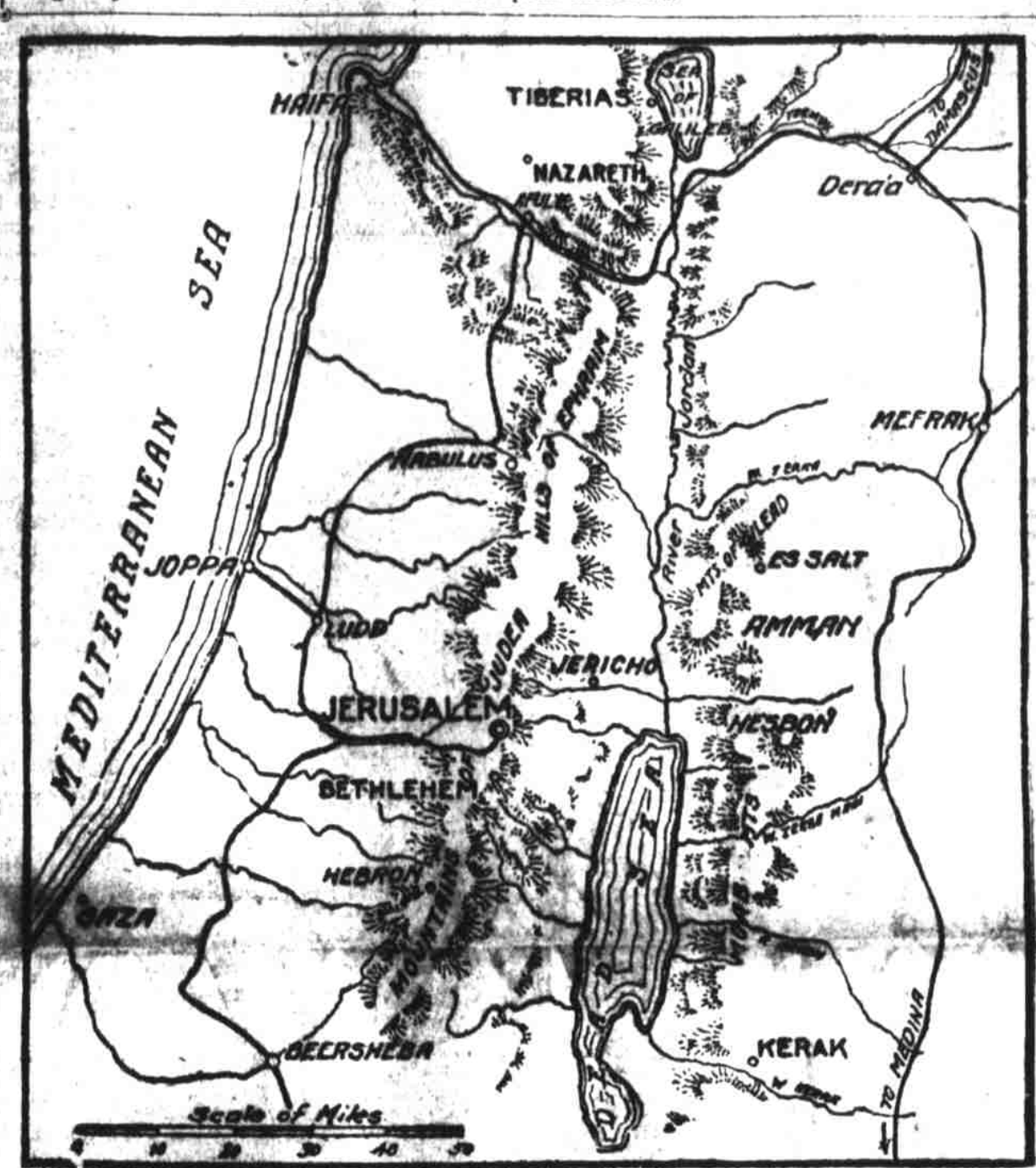
Among those killed was Capt. Harry McHenry, who fell while leading his men on a raid.

Airplane accidents took a toll of three, Lieut. Frank Montgomery, Andrew Skaggs and Leo Harvie being killed in France, while Lieut. William Terrell was injured.

Lieut. Arthur Ward died from paralysis. Repulse of the Austro-German forces in an effort to cross the Piave River was told from Rome. The effort was made opposite Fagura but the well directed rifle, machine gun and artillery fire of the Italians shattered the rafts and boats that were being used for pontons and decimated the ranks of the forces on the opposite bank. Italian air squadrons conducted an effective and powerful raid on Austro-German positions behind the lines, successfully penetrating the air defenses of the enemy and dropping seven tons of explosives on a number of important objectives, causing a considerable damage to the enemy.

Naples was today subjected to intensive bombing by Austrian aeroplanes, which flew over the city, dropping twenty bombs in the residential quarters. Several of the bombs struck a hospital and seven of the occupants were victims.

WAR MAP OF THE HOLY LAND—The British line, which is advancing almost daily, now runs from the River Jordan, just north of Jericho, to the shores of the Mediterranean, at a point some twenty miles north of Joppa (Jaffa). The main fighting of the past two weeks has been along the Jerusalem-Nabulus, between the latter point and Ludd.



PRESIDENT ASKS PASSAGE OF OVERMAN BILL INTACT

Measure As Introduced Gives To Executive Almost Autocratic Powers In Conduct of War Affairs and Expenditures

WASHINGTON, March 12—(Associated Press)—President Wilson today requested leaders of both houses of congress to secure if possible the passage of the Overman Bill in the form in which it was originally presented.

The Overman Bill was introduced in the senate on February 6 by Senator Overman, to whom it was handed by Postmaster General Burleson. It is strictly an administration measure and was presented as the President's preference over the bills prepared by the senate committee on military affairs creating a war cabinet and a purchasing representative. The text of the bill as introduced by Senator Overman is as follows:

"A bill authorizing the President to coordinate and consolidate the executive bureaus, agencies, offices and for other purposes in the interest of economy and more effective administration of the government.

"Section 1. That for the national security and defense, for the successful prosecution of the war, for the support and maintenance of the army and navy, for the better utilization of resources and industries, and for the more effective exercise and more efficient administration by the President of his powers as commander-in-chief of the land and naval forces, the President is hereby authorized and empowered to make such redistribution of functions among executive agencies as he may deem necessary, including any functions, duties and powers hitherto by law conferred upon any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer in such manner as in his judgement shall seem best fitted to carry out the purposes of this act and to this end is authorized to make such regulations and to issue such orders as he may deem necessary; Provided, that this act shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for one year after the termination of the war by proclamation of the treaty of peace, or at such earlier time during the said year as the President may deem

ignate, and, provided, further, that the termination of this act shall not affect any acts done or any right or obligation accruing or accrued pursuant to this act and during the time that this act is in force.

"Section 2. That in carrying out the purpose of this act, the President is authorized, in such manner as he may deem most appropriate, to coordinate or consolidate any legislative commissions, bureaus, agencies, offices or officers, to transfer any duties or powers from one existing department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer to another, to transfer the personnel thereof of any part of it, either by detail or assignment, together with the whole or any part of the records and public property belonging thereto, and to employ by executive order any additional agency or agencies and to vest therein the performance of such function as he may deem appropriate.

"Section 3. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act any moneys heretofore and hereafter appropriated for the use of any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer, shall be available for the purposes for which it was appropriated under the direction of such other agency and may be directed by the President hereunder to perform and execute said function.

"Section 4. That during the time this act is in force, all restrictions in any existing law creating any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer, or defining the duties thereof, shall be deemed to be suspended to the extent that they may be inconsistent with the exercise of the authority here conferred."

THINK BERGER IS PUT OUT OF RACE

Wisconsin Socialist Leader Is Indicted and McGovern Retires For Lenroot

WASHINGTON, March 12—(Associated Press)—Indicted in Chicago on Saturday as a result of investigations by the department of justice, Victor L. Berger, first Socialist to sit in congress and an avowed candidate for the senatorship of Wisconsin, asserts the action of the federal grand jury is a part of a plot to injure his candidacy for the senate. This is reported in despatches which have been received from Washington which said he publicly announced his candidacy for the senate which office it has been published previously in the press he was seeking.

Race Is Simplified
Ex-Governor McGovern withdrew his candidacy for the Republican nomination for senator of Wisconsin, Milwaukee messages said. He retired in favor of Lenroot. He said he believed the indictment of Berger eliminated him from further consideration and he was confident the Socialists would support Thompson, LaFollette's candidate, thus insuring the nomination of Lenroot and Thompson at the primaries.

The department of justice and the postoffice department are now having more trouble with the Socialists, L. W. W. and the Pacifists than they are having with the German press. It was in connection with such trouble and under the Espionage Act that Berger was indicted.

In Chicago on Saturday the grand jury returned true bills against Victor L. Berger, Adolph German, secretary of the Socialist party, Louis Engdahl, editor of the American Socialist, William Kruse, editor of the Young People's Socialist magazine and Rev. St. John Tucker, another prominent Socialist. They are charged with conspiring to interfere with the conduct of the war by the circulation of pamphlets and articles and by speeches denouncing the entry of the United States into the war and the policies which led to that action and those under which the war is being conducted. Berger was a candidate for the United States senate.

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LARGE GAINS MADE BY BRITISH IN THE NEAR EAST

Advances in Mesopotamia and in Palestine Carry Turco-Germans Before Them and Sweep Resistance Aside

LONDON, March 12—(Associated Press)—Reports of further substantial progress came from the Near East yesterday, from both Palestine and Mesopotamia, where the British have been making steady progress for the past month.

From his headquarters at Bagdad, Lieutenant General Marshall reports that the expedition proceeding north-west up the Euphrates have advanced still further from Hit and that the Turks have withdrawn entirely from this front to new positions twenty-two miles up the river, to near Hadithah. At this point the caravan trail from Wady Hauran touches the river valley. This portion of the Turco-German army is now completely out of touch with any other command and has but the one line of retreat open, this being along the Euphrates Valley to Aleppo. The valley is bounded by impassable deserts both north and south.

General Allenby advanced along a twelve mile front yesterday, clearing the Turks out of a number of positions to a depth of a mile and three-quarters. The Turkish defense in Palestine, which had stiffened greatly after the fall of Jerusalem, appears to be again falling to pieces and the British are advancing as rapidly as they are able to bring up their supplies and maintain their lines of communication.

WANT AMERICANS TO SUCCEED GERMANS

Senate Approves Plan To Allow Only Citizens To Purchase Enemy Alien Property

WASHINGTON, March 11—(Associated Press)—The senate today by vote of thirty-three to twenty-eight accepted an amendment to the urgent deficiency measure by which German property in the United States will be sold only to Americans.

The senate also tentatively accepted, without taking a record of the vote, an amendment authorizing President Wilson to acquire title to the North German Lloyd and Hamburg American docks and piers at New York.

MEXICO WILL CEDE NO LANDS TO JAPAN

No Foreign Nations To Be Given Foothold On Soil

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12—(Associated Press)—Mexico does not intend to cede to Japan or any other Power a foothold in the Mexican Republic, declares Colonel Romero, the Mexican plenipotentiary accredited to Washington, who arrived here yesterday en route to his home, on vacation. The envoy denies that there is any truth whatever in the report that the Mexican consular agents who recently sailed from this port for Japan are delegated with any power to enter into a new treaty with the Japanese.

"There is only the best of feeling now between Mexico and the United States," he says.

BANKS PROVE SLOW WITH SUBSCRIPTIONS

WASHINGTON, March 12—(Associated Press)—New issues of half a billion dollars in treasury certificates were announced by Secretary of Treasury McAdoo yesterday preparatory to the next Liberty Loan issue. The certificates will bear interest at the rate of four and a half percent.

The secretary said that only half of the banks of the country subscribed to the last issue of treasury certificates.

WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION
MADRID, Spain, March 11—(Associated Press)—Premier Albuquerques has withdrawn the solicitations of King Alfonso, and will continue in office. It is understood the cabinet will remain unchanged.

UNITED STATES IS EVER READY TO AID WHEN IN ITS POWER

Does Not Urge Against Signing of Peace Treaty Though Message May Be So Interpreted

Regrets German Influences Have Thrust Back Struggle of People For Their Liberties

WASHINGTON, March 12—(Associated Press)—On the eve of the gathering in Moscow of the Russian congress of soviets which is to pass judgement on and to ratify or decline the German made peace which the Bolshevik delegates accepted at the peace conference in Brest-Litovsk, President Wilson this morning cabled a message of sympathy to the Russian people through its congress with the pledge extended that the United States will avail itself of every opportunity to aid the Russians in driving out auto-cracy and in restoring Russia to her place in the world.

CONSUL WILL DELIVER
The United States does not now recognize any government in Russia but the President cabled his message to the American consul at Moscow who is instructed to deliver it to the Russian congress when it meets.

This is the first formal message which President Wilson has sent to Russia since that country, under the leadership of the Bolsheviks deserted the cause of the Allies and sought to negotiate a separate peace with the Central Powers.

The President does not urge the soviets to reject the peace treaty although the delivery of his kindly message at this time may be interpreted by the Russians as suggesting such a course.

The following is the text of President Wilson's message to the Russian people through the congress of the soviets as it was telegraphed to the American consul at Moscow:

EXPRESSES SINCERE SYMPATHY
"May I not take advantage of this meeting of the Russian congress of soviets to express the sincere sympathy which the people of the United States feel for the people of Russia at this time when German power has been thrust in to interrupt and to turn back the whole struggle for freedom and to substitute the wishes of Germany for the purposes of the people of Russia.

"Although the government of the United States, unhappily, is not now in a position to render the direct and effective aid it would wish to render, I beg to assure the people of Russia through the congress of soviets that it will avail itself of every opportunity to secure for Russia once more complete sovereignty and independence in her own affairs and the full restoration to her of her great role in the life of Europe and of the modern world.

HEARTS WITH RUSSIANS
"The whole heart of the people of the United States is with the Russian people in their attempt to free themselves forever from autocratic government and to become the masters of their own life and their destinies."

CONSIDER BI-WEEKLY CASUALTY REPORTS HIGHER FREIGHT RATE NEEDED BY RAILROADS

War Department Believes Less Announcement Advisable

WASHINGTON, March 12—(Associated Press)—Adoption of the European plan of publishing lists of casualties only at monthly or semi-monthly intervals is being seriously considered by the war department it was learned last night. In this connection the plan is to publish merely lists of names without references to regiments, home addresses or other means of identification which might convey information to the enemy as to the location of various American units.

It is considered this would better conceal facts which it is considered by the Allies well to conceal and meet the expressed wishes of French leaders to General Pershing when they criticized the methods of announcement that are now being made in the United States.

OFFENDING RESTAURANTS
TO CLOSE FOR ONE DAY

WASHINGTON, March 11—(Associated Press)—Food Administrator Hoover today signified approval of the local food board's decision to suspend for one day fifty-seven restaurants which had been found guilty of violating the beefless and porkless orders issued by the administrator.

Letter Says Unless Granted Receiverships Will Follow

WASHINGTON, March 12—(Associated Press)—Comptroller Williams yesterday made public a letter which was written to the Interstate Commerce Commission in reference to the proposed fifteen percent increase in freight rates for the railroads received at the time the hearings were in progress. This letter asserts that unless the increase asked shall be granted thousands of railroads would have to apply for the appointment of receivers. Under such circumstances, the letter asserts, the banks of the country and other security holders would be seriously affected and would lose heavily. It pointed out the danger of a critical situation which might approach panic. No decision has as yet been rendered by the commission.

RAILROADS LOSE THEIR CONTENTION AS TO MAIL

WASHINGTON, March 11—(Associated Press)—Attempt of the railroad to recover \$40,000,000 under the old system of weight compensation for transportation of the mails was defeated today, the supreme court denying their claims.